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Applicants: Nobuyoshi NAMBU et al.

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 17, 2002, applicants hereby submit the enclosed papers including an Amendment under 37 CFR 1.111.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17 and 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for an extension of time for three (3) months to March 14, 2003 for filing a response to the Office Action dated September 17, 2002 in connection with the above-identified application.

No extension of time has been previously obtained for filing the response. Thus a fee of \$465.00 for an extension of three months pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17 and 1.136(a) is required.

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The required fees are calculated below:

Total Claims 16 Independent

\$0.00 \$42.00

Three Months' Extension of Time Fee

\$465.00

TOTAL FEE DUE:

\$507.00

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE THIS FEE AND ANY OTHER FEES WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED OR CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 19-2586, REFERENCING ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 0052/036001. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS PAPER IS ENCLOSED. THIS IS A GENERAL AUTHORIZATION EXCLUDING ONLY PAYMENT OF THE ISSUE FEE.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: March 17, 2003

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